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In re application of: Charles E. ROGLER et al.

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For: : **CHRONIC HEPATITIS VIRUS INFECTION AND CLONAL
HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN MOUSE REPOPULATED
LIVERS**

May 23, 2002

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form

PTO-1449¹ and copies of the documents listed thereon.

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In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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